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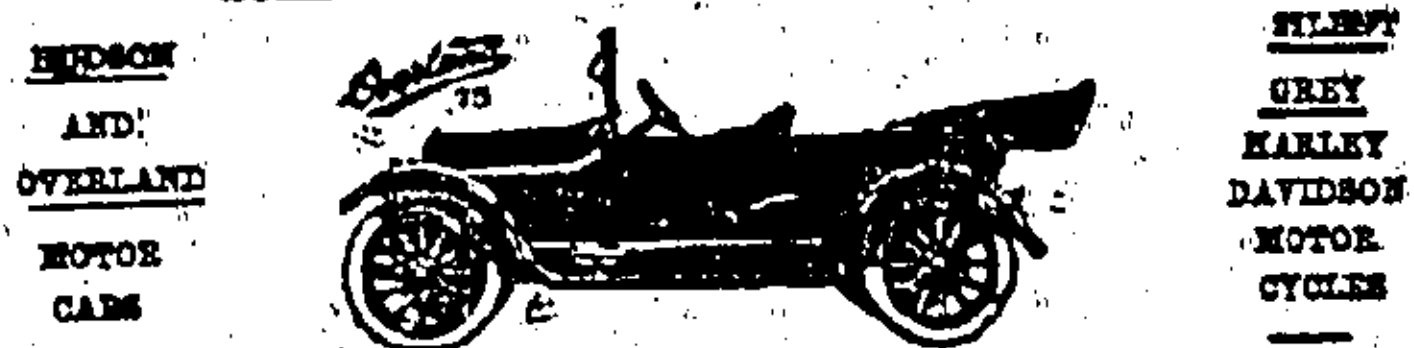
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## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### ITALY.

#### ENEMY MASS ATTACKS FAIL.

London, Nov. 20.

An Italian official message states:  
We drove back four mass attacks  
against Monte Penara spur and took  
300 prisoners, on Sunday and Mon-  
day, in the Melotte region.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message states:  
We drove back, after desperate  
fighting, strong Italian counter-  
attacks on the northern slope of  
Monte Tomba.

#### PRINCE OF WALES AT ITALIAN FRONT.

Rome, Nov. 20.

The papers are only now allowed  
to announce the presence of the  
Prince of Wales on the Italian Front.  
This is causing everywhere the  
warmest enthusiasm, and is regarded  
as a new proof of British sympathy  
and solidarity.

#### ENEMY OPERATIONS AGAINST VENICE EXPECTED.

Venice, Nov. 20.

Austria has asked Italy to declare  
whether Venice is to be considered  
a fortified city.

This is taken as indicating the  
enemy's intention to begin operations  
against Venice and to provide him-  
self with a justification for anything  
that ensues.

The Allied Consuls are temporarily  
remaining.

Venetian women are patriotically  
labouring arduously in ironworks and  
machine shops.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### A BRITISH ATTACK.

#### CONSIDERABLE CAPTURES.

London, Nov. 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—

Soon after daybreak we carried out,  
satisfactorily, a series of operations  
between St. Quentin and the River  
Scarpe and captured considerable  
material and a number of prisoners,  
who have not yet been counted.

The weather has become stormy,  
rendering the action of aircraft  
difficult.

The hostile artillery was active,  
particularly in the neighbourhood of  
Zonnebeke and Passchendaele.

#### THE GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message states:  
The English, attacking with strong  
forces, gained ground between the  
roads from Bapaume and Peronne,  
to Cambrai.

Our counter-measures are in full  
swing.

#### GERMAN ATTACK AT CHAUME WOOD REPULSED.

London, Nov. 20.

A French communiqué states:  
On the right of the Meuse, after  
intense bombardment on the Bezon-  
vaux and Chaume Wood Fronts, the  
Germans attacked to the north of  
Chaume Wood, on a kilometre front.

The attack, which was broken by our  
fire, only reached our advanced lines  
after a very small area and the enemy  
detachments which gained a footing  
there were mostly driven out by an  
immediate counter-attack.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

London, Nov. 20.

A German official message states:  
There was a violent artillery duel  
from Louvain Wood to Zandvoorde.  
We repulsed an attack at Chaume  
Wood.

### PALESTINE.

#### CONVERGING ON JERUSALEM.

London, Nov. 20.

An official despatch from Palestine  
states:—

Our mounted troops occupied, on  
Sunday, Beiturrah, which is  
twelve miles to the north west of  
Jerusalem.

The infantry, yesterday, reached  
a line fifteen miles to the west of  
Jerusalem.

#### DESPATCH ON EARLIER OPERATIONS.

London, Nov. 20.

The chief feature of a Despatch  
by General Sir Archibald Murray  
dealing with the operations in Pale-  
stine from March 1, to June 28th is  
his summing up of the results of the  
first battle of Gaza. General Murray  
says we took 950 Turkish-German  
prisoners and two Austrian field-guns  
and caused the enemy 8,000 casual-  
ties while we had only 4,000, a large  
proportion of them being slight. The  
failure to capture Gaza was due to  
delay on March 26th owing to fog  
and the waterless character of the  
country around Gaza, which prevent-  
ed a very successful operation being  
a complete disaster to the enemy.  
General Murray pays a tribute to  
the "utmost gallantry and endurance  
and the splendid fighting qualities of  
the troops."

Dealing with the second attack at  
Gaza, General Murray states that on  
April 20 his total casualties were  
7,000. On April 21 General Dobell,  
Commanding the Eastern Force,  
re-emphasised the opinion he had  
previously expressed, in which he  
said he was supported by all his sub-  
ordinate Commanders, that in view  
of the great strength of the positions  
to which he was opposed, the renewal  
of a direct attack would not be just-  
ified by any reasonable prospect of  
success. General Murray was strongly  
of the opinion that deliberate  
methods must be adopted and even  
the resumption of trench warfare  
might be necessary, pending the  
arrival of reinforcements; and after  
full discussion, General Murray  
stated that he very reluctantly con-  
sented to this change of policy.

Meanwhile, it became apparent to  
General Murray that General Dobell,  
who had previously suffered from a  
severe touch of the sun, was no  
longer in a fit state of health to bear  
the strain of further operations in  
the coming hot weather; therefore,  
General Murray most regrettably  
relieved him of his Command, to  
which Lieut-General Sir Philip  
Chetwode was appointed.

### THE WAR AGAINST SUBMARINES.

#### AMERICAN OFFICIAL VIEW.

Washington, Nov. 20.

Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the  
Navy, referring to Mr. Lloyd  
George's statement that five sub-  
marines were sunk on Saturday,  
affirmed "that the submarines have  
failed and will fail to accomplish their  
ends. Means have been found of  
nullifying to a large extent their  
effectiveness."

#### NOT A SINGLE AMERICAN SOLDIER LOST.

Paris, Nov. 20.

General Pershing, in an interview  
stated that thanks to the efficacy of  
the protection of the British and  
French armies, not a single American  
being transported to France had  
been killed owing to submarine war-  
fare.



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whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.  
No claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns and all  
Goods remaining undelivered after noon  
the 26th Nov., will be subject to rent.  
All claims against the steamer must be  
presented to the undersigned on the 24th  
Nov. at 10 a.m. by the Company's  
surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.  
No insurance whatsoever has been  
effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
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and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, whence and/or from the wharves,  
delivery may be obtained.  
Goods not cleared by the 23rd Novem-  
ber, 1917, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged pack-  
ages are to be left in the Godowns where  
they will be examined by Messrs.  
Goddard & Douglas on 25th November,  
1917, at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the  
steamer must be presented within 10 days  
of arrival, otherwise they will not be  
recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us  
in any case whatever.  
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## THE CALENDAR.

**MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
Ceremony of laying a Memorial Stone  
by H.E. the Governor at Tiatum Tuk.

## General Memoranda.

**SATURDAY, Nov. 24—**  
2.15 p.m.—Cricket on H.K.C.C.  
Ground, Club v. C.R.C.  
4.15 p.m.—League Football Match,  
Club v. Navy on H.K.F.C. ground.  
(Proceeds for Heather Day Fund).  
**MONDAY, Nov. 26—**  
Queen of Norway's Birthday—1893—  
King George's Sister, Princess  
Maud Charlotte.  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.  
**TUESDAY, Nov. 27—**  
Stock Exchange Settlement Day.  
5 p.m.—Auction of Postage Stamps at  
Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
**THURSDAY, Nov. 29—**  
Thanksgiving Day in U.S.A.  
2.41 a.m.—Full Moon.  
**FRIDAY, Nov. 30—**  
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21, 1917.

## WHAT DOES TAMMANY STAND FOR?

At a time when we are hearing so much about America's enthusiasm and energy in the war it comes as a surprise to learn that the citizens of New York have chosen out of four aspirants for the Mayorship of the City one who has been branded in the bitter election campaign as "a hireling of the Kaiser." Judge JOHN J. HYLAN, was the Tammany and Hearst candidate. Mr. MITCHELL, the retiring Mayor, had accepted re-nomination, "defying HEARST." HYLAN and the HORNZOLLERNS. Mr. MITCHELL's Manifesto claimed that the record of his administration was the reason for its re-election, that it was a challenge to the patriotism, to the conscience, and to the common sense of the people of New York, and said *inter alia* "if they prefer a government inspired by MURPHY, HEARST, COHALAN and the KAISER, they will vote for Mr. HYLAN." Mr. CHARLES E. HUGHES, the former Justice of the Supreme Court who was a candidate for the Presidency of the United States at the last election, addressing Mr. MITCHELL at a citizens' meeting which endorsed his candidature said: "We are at war. Seditious and traitorous influences are constantly seeking to poison public sentiment, to embarrass our Government, to benumb our activities when they should show the full strength of a united people. Every one opposed to the vigorous and successful prosecution of the war is opposed to you." Among the other men of national reputation and of various parties who publicly urged Mayor MITCHELL's re-election were Colonel ROSEVELT, Mr. W. H. TART, Mr. ALTON B. PARKER, who ran for President on the Democratic ticket; ex-Judge SAMUEL SEABURY, Democratic candidate for Governor last year, and CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, who has been the candidate of the Socialist party for Governor. Mr. RUSSELL urged that the electors should understand distinctly that every vote cast against Mr. MITCHELL would be "a vote for Germany against the United States." Pro-Germans have made this the issue. Yet Judge HYLAN, the Tammany candidate, has been elected. The "Boss of Tammany" did not lie low under the charge of disloyalty brought against the organization. He challenged the late Mayor to submit proofs of his disloyalty, and declared that Tammany would not nominate or support any candidate not loyal to the Government or country. "Our Tammany members of Congress," said Mr. MURPHY, "have supported every war measure. Our speakers are urging the purchase of Liberty Bonds. We are behind Uncle Sam and the President to a man." Mr. MITCHELL's reply to this was that Mr. MURPHY and Mr. HEARST were really the joint candidates for Mayor on the Tammany ticket, and he had

with the outbreak of this war, preaching the doctrine of the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs, preaching the doctrine of the conqueror and of the oligarch, that doctrine which began with advocating all the profits of the war and squeeze all the profits out of the warring nations that it could until Germany was stopped at the Battle of the Marne, and then began to point out the horrors of the war and to show how it would beat America to undertake to open negotiations for peace, in order that a peace favorable to the nation that had occupied another's territory might be effected at that time, and how then as the war went on, that doctrine was continuously preached, pointing out that there were equal equities between the warring nations and advocating interference here and there in the interest of Germany and against the interests of certain of the Allies, down to the time that war was declared by the United States in protection of our interests, and for the sacred principles of human liberty involved.

And he then began to preach the doctrine that this country in this war ought not to send her men over there to fight the battles of democracy and to protect the territory of this country against the future invasion that would follow if we did not.

The whole election seems to have been fought with a bitterness rarely seen anywhere outside the United States. Dr. JOHNSON's description of patriotism as "the last refuge of the scoundrel" was invoked to describe the attitude of Mr. MITCHELL. The latter claimed for his past administration "that it had been dedicated to service, conceived in honesty, guided by the principle of business, uncontrolled and unafraid, loyal always to America and to the ideals of America." And Mr. HUGHES said: "We know Tammany Hall, and it is because we know the purposes from which it never deviates that we want you (Mr. MITCHELL) to run again for Mayor. Mayor MITCHELL's administration has been so ineffectually superior to anything we have ever known that even if nothing else were involved but efficient government, every good citizen must support him." Mr. HEARST, on the other hand, declared himself opposed to Mayor MITCHELL "because there have been more sordid scandals in the MITCHELL administration than in all the Tammany administrations which have preceded him since the days of VAN WYCK." In view of all this, who shall decide what we ought to regard as the meaning of the triumph of the Tammany candidate?

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "Seoul Press" reports that Sir Henry May, Governor of Hongkong, is expected in Korea on a hunting trip. He is expected to stay there till the middle of December.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$100 to the funds of the Society by the Colonial Government.

Captain E. I. M. Barrett won the Captain's Cup of the Shanghai Golf Club last week, at Kiangwan. In order to win this trophy a player has to win a monthly cup and all his matches in the play-off.

A Chinese reported to the Police that on the 19th instant, some person broke into his house at Wanching Road, climbing up the drain pipe and through the roof, and stole jewelry and money to the extent of \$961.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor inform us of the receipt to-day of cabled notice from Shanghai to the effect that the International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd. has declared a dividend of 1s 7d and bonus of 1s 6d for the year 1917.

A strong impression has been made in Peking, says the correspondent of the N.C. Daily News, by the petition reproduced in the "Peking Gazette" of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and the Shanghai, Kiangtung, Ningpo, and Kiangsu Merchants' Guilds. The petitioners, who claim to have no connexion with politics, point particularly to the conclusion of unprofitable foreign loans and the "fratricidal" war against the South, financed by foreign gold, and in the most moderate language urge the President and Premier to stamp out the evils prevalent, and work for the salvation of the country. It is well understood that the petitioners are in the position of being the only ones who

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## FIVE NEW BILLS.

The agenda for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council shows that five new Bills will be introduced, viz:—

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to make further provision against the counterfeiting of labels, wrappers and marks used in connection with Government opium.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the effect on certain contracts of certain requirements, regulations and restrictions rendered necessary by the present war.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to regulate Ferries.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to provide for the making of deposits by certain persons, firms and companies carrying on fire or marine insurance business.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Pension Ordinance, 1882.

## HONGKONG AND THE FLOODS IN NORTH CHINA.

## PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO RELIEF FUNDS.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will move the following resolution:—

"This Council desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with the Government of the Chinese Republic in the disastrous floods which have devastated an immense area of country in the Province of Chihli and hereby votes a sum of \$100,000 as a contribution towards the relief of the suffering caused by this calamity."

## THE COST OF THE CAMP.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak has given notice of his intention to ask at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the following question:—

"Will the Government state what is the estimated cost to the Colony of the suggested Camp for Defence Corps training in the New Territories?"

## THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

The Intelligence Bureau at Canton communicates the following:—

Canton is peaceful, as usual, in spite of desperate efforts of the Canton agents of Tuan Chi-jui the last few days to spread rumours to excite the people, and cause misunderstandings between different authorities in order to discredit the Military Government. The Military Government has no local political interest except in the maintenance of republicanism, the preservation of the Provisional Constitution, and the effort to restore the power of the President and the Assembly.

The Bureau has been advised that the Navy will not serve the interest of any party, but will do its duty to defend the laws which Tuan Chi-jui and his clique refuse to observe.

Military Governor Chen Pin-shen of Kwangtung has returned to Canton from Wuchow after a consultation with Inspector-General Lu Ying-ting and resumed office on November 17.

The Military Government has been officially advised by the parties in Szechuan that a general cessation of arms among them has been declared.

## SHIPPING PROFITS.

## 287,000 FOR A NINE DAYS' VOYAGE.

One of the most remarkable instances of profit-earning by a cargo steamer is reported at Liverpool. A few weeks ago there arrived in that port a vessel with a cargo of 45,000 cases of onions from Valencia. The rate of freight paid on arrival was 1s. 6d. per case, which works out to the extraordinary total of 287,000 for the nine days' voyage from Valencia to Liverpool. The vessel is not British owned, but sails under the flag of an allied nation.

## WHY IT SELLS.

(HAMBURG) A German steamer is reported to have sold its cargo of onions at a profit of 100 per cent.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## SENTENCE IN KIDNAPPING CASE.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed this morning, before Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

Lam Tao, who pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnapping yesterday, and whose sentence his Lordship deferred, was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

His Lordship added that the accused had taken away the child and would not doubt have accepted money to ransom it. Every effort had been made to find the child but without avail. He understood that the accused had done what he could to assist the police, but it was too late.

## A CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Ho In and Fok Pui Sang pleaded not guilty to the charge of manslaughter of one So Kim.

The Attorney General, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, defended the accused.

The jury men were Messrs N. McIntyre, W. Hardwick, A. G. Hewitt, H. Hyndman, J. T. Shaw, I. M. da Costa, C. A. Rodrigues.

The Attorney General, outlining the case, said that the charge was one of manslaughter and what was alleged against the two prisoners was that they killed a small girl in Queen Victoria Street, near the Central Market, by reason of their negligent driving of a truck. They were driving an empty truck down the street when the truck ran away and killed the little girl. There was only one point in the case that had to be considered. It was admitted that the accused drove the truck, and it was quite clear that the truck killed the child. The point was whether the prisoners were guilty of such negligence and disregard of ordinary care as to make them criminally liable for the death of the child. The prisoners were both apparently young, they gave their ages as 18 and 16 years, so they were little more than boys. That, of course, was a matter which his Lordship would take into consideration in fixing the penalty if the accused were found guilty. They were old enough not to act in such a way as to make the streets unsafe. The accused, although they ran away at the time and left the truck, did go back and inform their master, and with him reported the matter at the police station and gave themselves up. That, of course, was in their favour and that again would be a matter for the Court to consider in fixing the sentence if they were found guilty.

The Attorney General then quoted from various authorities as to what was required from a person or persons in charge of vehicles in public places, and as to what constituted negligence. Also the local regulations as to wheeled traffic.

Continuing, the Attorney General said that the affair occurred on October 19 and the case practically rested upon the evidence of one witness, a Mr. Wrighton, who happened to be in a shop close by when the thing happened. Between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Wrighton heard a loud rumbling noise whilst he was in the shop and he rushed to the door and saw the truck going down the hill off Queen's Road. He saw the two prisoners, who were in charge of the truck, let go; it had apparently got out of control, and they let it run down the hill by itself. When it reached the bottom of the hill at Queen Victoria Street, the truck collided with a post against which the little girl was standing and she was killed, practically on the spot. The Attorney General said he thought the prisoners could not have exercised proper care at the top of the hill. A test was made last Friday and it was found that two men could easily control the truck provided reasonable care was exercised and the truck was not allowed to go too fast at the top of the hill. Moreover, the accused were handling the truck from the opposite end to where the wheel of the brake was fixed. They should have taken it the other way, so that the brake wheel would have been within reach.

His Lordship then said that with regard to the authorities quoted by the Attorney General, the things which occurred here did not occur anywhere else because people are sufficiently civilized in other parts of the world not to allow that sort of thing. Here the system of carrying things about, by reason of the narrow streets, was very unsatisfactory, but they had no horses.

Dr. Macdonald, the Medical Officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, then gave evidence as to examining the body of the child, and the injuries sustained by the child.

A few minutes further evidence, the Attorney General stated that owing to the importance of the case, witness Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who was called by the Crown, was not present.

The Attorney General then said that the case was adjourned to Friday, the 23rd inst., at 10 a.m.

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## THE MAGISTRACY.

## A LIGHTER WOMAN'S ANGER.

The case was resumed this afternoon in which a Chinese woman was charged with damaging the deck house of the Shun Lee lighter, the property of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.

Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Steamboat Co., prosecuted. The defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. Arnold, giving evidence, stated that after the typhoon of 1906, which washed away the deck houses etc. of the lighters, the Company rebuilt the deck houses together with the cook house and the sheds. He produced bills, etc., to prove that the repairs and the upkeep of the lighter had always been maintained by the Company. It was customary for all shipping companies to build and maintain the sheds of their lighters.

Defendant in her evidence stated that she and her husband had been employed and lived on the Shun Lee lighter for over 30 years. The deck house was built by her six or seven years ago, with the permission of Mr. Almeida, who is now dead.

Mr. Dyer Ball said the defendant must have known the deck house did not belong to her, and that in a fit of anger at having been dismissed she had wilfully done the damage. He ordered her to pay \$40 to the Company as compensation or else to go to gaol for six weeks.

## ALLEGED THEFT OF COAL.

Nine coolies were charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 2½ tons of coal valued at \$30, reasonably suspected of having been stolen.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr. J. Gardiner appeared to defend four of the defendants.

It was stated that Sergeant Bond, who was on harbour patrol duty yesterday, saw the defendants transferring coal from a cinder boat to a lighter. He approached them and questioned them. They could not give him any satisfactory explanation as to the reason of the transfer or to whom the coal belonged, so he arrested them.

The case was adjourned to Friday, the 23rd inst., at 10 a.m.

## AN ABUSIVE BEGGAR.

A coolie, whose appearance betokens a very close acquaintance with the bowl that cheers and inebriates, was charged at the Magistracy this morning with begging in Queen's Road Central.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by a Chinese constable who stated he saw defendant begging from a European.

The defendant, who had been swearing and cursing during the proceedings, shouted at the lalung saying—"You—I'll take a knife and cut you."

The Magistrate, Mr. Dyer Ball, imposed on defendant a fine of \$5, with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

## A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner at the Lee Kee wharf.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Kent stated that both defendants were employed as runners to a boarding house. The *Nam Hai* was coming alongside the Lee Kee wharf this morning, and the defendants jumped on board before the steamer was moored. The Indian guard seized them and ordered them to get off the ship, but they refused and a struggle ensued. A lalung came on the scene and the defendants were arrested. Inspector Kent added that the reason why he brought the case before His Worship was that about a week ago, an attempt by a hotel runner to board the *Lee Tai* before she was moored resulted in his death. The man lost his footing fell between the ship and the pier and was crushed to death. Defendants had no right to board the steamer before the gangway had been let down and the ship moored.

After the evidence was heard, His Worship fined the defendants \$3 each.

## AN OPIUM CASE.

Two Chinese women were charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 70 taels of opium—30 taels each—not Government prepared opium.

Inspector Wilde stated that the women were arrested on the Yau Tat yesterday and when they were taken to the Revenue Office the tals of opium were found on the person of each of them.

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## THREE MONTHS FOR THEFT OF A BED QUILT.

A Chinese described as boiler-maker was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Wood this morning for the larceny of a bed quilt valued at \$2.50 from a woman in Nathan Road near Yaumati, yesterday. Defendant was arrested in a pawnshop. Four hours stocks were ordered in lieu of the last day of the sentence.

## THEFT ON A SHIP.

W. Fye, a ship's stoker, charged a Chinese carpenter with the larceny of a pair of boots, socks and shoe laces, total value \$6.20.

Inspector Sim stated that the stuff had been stolen on the 19th inst. The defendant it appeared stole the articles and wore them, that was how he managed to evade detection at the Dock gates. He was arrested while trying to pawn the articles yesterday.

A sentence of the three months imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

## FIRES IN HONGKONG.

Fire broke out in the No. 1 godown of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., at Queen's Road West, yesterday. The alarm was raised at 2.15 p.m. and the Fire Brigade attended in full force under the command of the Captain Superintendent of Police. The fire began in a stack of bags of Java sugar and in spite of the energetic efforts of the Fire Brigade the fire was not extinguished until about 4.30 p.m. The sugar, it was ascertained, belonged to Mr. New Yen Kuan, of the Yuen Fat Hong, and the damage caused is estimated at \$80,000 which, we learn, had been covered by insurance.

A small fire broke out this morning in the verandah of a house at the corner of Shelley Street and Staunton Street. The Fire Brigade quickly appeared on the scene and quickly put out the fire. Scarcely any damage was caused.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

## Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

## CAMP.

The following arrangements have been made with reference to the issue of railway Warrants to members of the Corps going to and returning from Camp:—

1. Special Trains and Trains returning from Camp at 8 p.m. The men will be counted and one warrant will be issued by a responsible officer in the train for the total number, before arrival at Bridge 47 or Kowloon as the case may be.

2. In the case of men proceeding to Camp by the ordinary trains, individuals or parties may apply for warrants at the Booking office at Kowloon Station and, on filling in the warrant and signing it, will be given a passenger ticket in exchange.

3. Individual members returning from Camp by the ordinary trains must obtain a warrant before leaving Camp. In the case of parties, one warrant will be sufficient.

It is to be clearly understood that members of the Corps are entitled to tickets and accommodation as follows:—

Officers ..... 1st class.  
Warrant Officers and N.C.O.s ..... 2nd class.  
Privates ..... 3rd class.

## FRANCE HAS 80,000 NURSES.

With the French armies in the field, 16th September. Seventy thousand French women are now serving in Red Cross ambulances and hospitals, with French armies in France, Algeria, Morocco and the Orient. Ten thousand additional women of various foreign nationalities are aiding them.

The eighty thousand are beyond all dreams of woman's part in the war, which army chief or feminist entertains back in 1914. There were just eighty permanent French women nurses before the war. Such a tremendous growth as this illustrates aptly the part in the war which France's womanhood is bearing.

In recognition of the devotion of these women, France has just created a series of medals in gold, silver and bronze which will indicate service from one to three years. Scores of nurses and hospital sisters have received the highest military decorations which France has to bestow. These deeds of heroism have paralleled those of her men.

So illustrious French women it was estimated 15 days ago consisted of the first 80,000 where they are to be counted as a part of the French army.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## EAST AFRICA.

## 798 GERMANS KILLED OR CAPTURED THIS MONTH.

London, Nov. 20. An official despatch from East Africa states:—

We occupied Lutabemi, to the south-east of Chivata, and also a large enemy camp in the vicinity of Nambindini, to the north-east of Kitangiri. Two hundred and seventy-two Germans and 700 Askaris surrendered, and we drove the remainder into the Aitangari Valley.

Seven hundred and ninety-eight Germans have been killed or captured since November 1.

## THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL.

## AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION.

London, Nov. 20. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government had been officially informed that President Wilson had selected Colonel House to participate not only in the Inter-Allied Conference but in the Supreme War Council, with General Bliss as his Military Adviser.

## REDOUBLED EFFORT.

## STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH PREMIER.

Paris, Nov. 20. In the Chamber, M. Clemenceau said:—“We intend to conduct the war with redoubled effort with a view to obtaining better results.”

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Clemenceau Government by 418 votes to 65.

## THREATENING FAMINE IN FINLAND.

## AN APPEAL TO BRITAIN FOR ASSISTANCE.

London, Nov. 20. Lord Robert Cecil stated in the House of Commons that Finland had appealed to Great Britain for assistance in view of the threatening famine. The Government would most gladly do all it could but the position was not easy.

## MILITARY MEDALS FOR MEN OF THE H.K.S.B.R.G.A.

London, Nov. 21. The Gazette announces that Military Medals have been conferred upon Gunners Ghulam, Mohamed, Nihal and Singh, of the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of the Garrison Artillery.

## JAPAN'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ALLIES.

Tokio, Nov. 20. The financial assistance rendered the Allies by Japan should reach \$100,000,000 and not \$1,000,000,000, as cabled on November 17.

The mistake was due to a telegraphic error.

## THE CONTROL OF THE SILVER MARKET.

## GOVERNMENT PURCHASES.

London, Nov. 21. In connection with the silver message from Washington, on Nov. 18, which stated that representatives of the British and American Governments are conferring with the leading silver producers in connection with proposed contracts under which the Governments will virtually control the silver market for a year, the Financial News New York Correspondent states that Great Britain and America have agreed to purchase 100,000,000 ounces of silver from the American producers, of which America will take 40,000,000 ounces and Great Britain 60,000,000 ounces of which 5,000,000 ounces monthly will be for India to stabilise the rupee.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Nov. 20. The Silver Market is quiet.

## THE BALTIC ZONE.

## ACTIVITY ON THE WHOLE FRONT.

London, Nov. 20.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—

Reciprocal artillery activity was resumed on the whole front, notably, to the west of Warden, in the Carna Bend and to the north of Monastir.

The Russians repelled an enemy reconnaissance in the region of the lakes. British airmen dropped bombs in the Surma Valley and caused an explosion at Tusehu.

## THE SHAM POLITICAL CRISIS.

## SCATHING SPEECH BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

London, Nov. 20.

At a luncheon at the Constitutional Club Sir Edward Carson said we had just passed through a worked-up sham crisis. The colleagues of the Premier had been supposed to be cyphers, or dummies, who had been struck obedient by the will of the Premier. (Laughter). Nothing was further from fact. (Cheers). The Ministers were supposed to have been waging war on that great administration, our splendid army. A more wicked and a more scandalous attempt to sow dissension in our midst at so grave and perilous a crisis had never been known.

The whole thing was a mischievous lie brought about by political machination, ignorance and suspicion. If there had been the slightest idea of politicians interfering with soldiers in the management of the war he would not have remained in the War Cabinet.

## POSSIBLE COMPULSORY RATIONING.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FOOD CONTROLLER.

London, Nov. 20. In the House of Lords, Lord Riddell, the Food Controller, said the response to voluntary rationing had been inadequate and if the response was not better during the next few weeks, compulsory rationing would be enforced. The fixing of maximum prices had greatly reduced profiteering. The position of the food stocks in Great Britain was more satisfactory than last year and did not cause alarm, but the necessity of supplying France and Italy might lead to compulsory rationing.

## VOTES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

London, Nov. 21. The House of Commons has unanimously agreed that soldiers and sailors should be entitled to a vote directly they attain the age of nineteen years.

## CHINA TEA FOR DENMARK.

## QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Nov. 21. In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. T. Lough, Liberal Member for Lillingston, drew attention to the voyage of the neutral steamer *Pionia*, Shanghai to Copenhagen, with 596,000 pounds of China tea and suggested that such quantities of tea should not be allowed freely to enter neutral countries adjoining Germany.

Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, replied that the free entrance of such goods to Denmark was not allowed. They were only permitted to proceed if Great Britain was satisfied that they were required for home consumption and if guarantees against re-export from Denmark were given.

## THE CANADIAN ELECTIONS.

Ottawa, Nov. 20. Incomplete returns of the nominations throughout Canada shows that seven supporters of the Union Government and nine Quebec followers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier have been elected by acclamation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been nominated for Quebec East and Ottawa and is opposed in both places. In thirty constituencies Labour or Socialist candidates are running.

## RIOT AT A TOKIO DOCKYARD.

The riot of the workmen in the Asano dockyard, which is situated in a suburb of Tokyo, over the question of special compensation, which was thought to have been quelled on November 14th, started again on the 18th and 3,000 workmen refused to work. Finally, a collision with the police force occurred, in which stones were thrown. The constables drew their swords and eventually arrested one of the foremost rioters. This was the signal for the whole of them to rise up and they surrounded the police office and demanded the surrender of the man who had been arrested. It was believed, however, that a settlement was in sight without any further development of the situation.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## FINE WORK BY THE SCOTTISH TROOPS.

## THE ADVANCE IN PALESTINE.

London, Nov. 20.

Reuter's Correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters, telegraphing on Nov. 19, pays handsome tributes to the part played by the Scottish troops in the recent operations.

They were chiefly Lowlanders, and they led the way on the left flank and participated in some of the stiffest fighting.

It was on the night of Halloween that the Scottish troops stormed Umbrell Hill, the El Aish Redoubt, and the strong position called “Little Devil.” At El Aish the enemy exploded four mines which engulfed the first wave completely, but the succeeding wave did not hesitate a second and swept over the position.

In a subsequent phase of the operations the Scottish troops’ role was most important. They marched across the sand-dunes 15 miles to Wady Heel. It was heavy going, with the guns having occasionally to be man-handled.

Arriving at the north bank of the Wady at night-time, the Scottish troops with the bayonet charged the positions, although not reconnoitred, taking the whole ridge of hills before midnight. At Deimeid, after being driven out by the Turks counter-attacked four times during the night, each time recapturing ground. For the fifth time the Scottish troops returned to the charge and drove out the Turks, who then gave up the struggle.

These feats were wonders of dogged persistence after exhausting marches, but the results were invaluable in checking the enemy withdrawals and leading to important captures.

On the 10th inst., the Kilites were ordered to take the heights beyond Ashdod, which they again accomplished with the bayonet, making their third night attack in four days.

There was a desperate contest at Burkah on the 12th inst. The enemy had two lines of trenches, 1,000 yards apart and splendidly situated, with a glacis slope fronting both, and supported by strong artillery. Both were captured after bloody bayonet work.

Later, after seven days continuous fighting and marching, the Scottish troops proceeded to attack two villages on the Wady Rubin, which were perfectly screened by cactus hedges and thick plantations. They assaulted, after traversing a stretch of bare plain without a scrap of cover, and the Yeomanry, making a wide turning movement northwards, effected the necessary diversion to enable the Scottish troops to rush the position and capture 1,400 prisoners.

The following day the Scottish troops participated in the fighting north of the railway junction, reaching the Jerusalem Railway.

During the seven days and nights they covered 69 miles. It was a great achievement, because during part of the time a heat wave prevailed.

## HOW JAFFA AND RAMLEH WERE CAPTURED.

London, Nov. 19. Reuter's Correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters telegraphing on the 18th inst., describing the capture of Jaffa and Ramleh, states the former was occupied by mounted troops, who captured 300 prisoners at Lydda.

Ramleh is the centre of a fertile region, and is extensively cultivated, supporting the population. The Turks’ flight was so precipitate that the town is not damaged.

The affair at Abushakrah on the 15th inst. was a brilliant piece of work by the Yeomanry, who charged the ridge and subbed right and left in deadly fashion. Four hundred dead were counted and 300 prisoners were taken here.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## POSITIONS IMPROVED.

London, Nov. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—“We improved our positions slightly.”

A night-time, north-westward of Passchendaele we repulsed an attack on certain advanced posts north-eastward of the Polygon Wood.

Our machine-guns this morning caught other parties approaching south-eastward of Passchendaele, and the majority were killed or captured.

The enemy raided the trenches last night eastward of Gozeaucourt.

Three battle machines were brought down on Sunday and one driven down. One of ours is missing.

## FRENCH ADVANCE.

London, Nov. 19.

A French communiqué states:—“On the right of the Meuse, in the region of Champs Wood, we advanced appreciably and inflicted losses on the enemy.”

The artillery duel continued lively in the same region.

## THE HELIGOLAND ACTION.

## REPORTED GERMAN LOSSES.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19.

Travellers from Germany state that one, possibly two, German destroyers were lost in the Heligoland light, and most of the crews perished.

## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

## STILL OBSCURE.

London, Nov. 19.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that the situation in Russia was still obscure, although it appeared the extremists completely controlled the Government and Moscow.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## GREAT ENEMY ATTACK IMMINENT.

London, Nov. 20.

An Italian semi-official report states:—

By the attack at Monte Feners and Monte Tomba the enemy was in contact at every point of the line on which the Italians have made a stand. The enemy masses were increasingly dense at several places and movements of artillery and columns are reported in various directions.

The new phase is about to commence, and possibly the enemy intends to tempt fortune by a grand strategic undertaking to rapidly break the wings with a view to surrounding the Italians; or by a slow methodical wearing down action; or a series of hammerblows similar to those delivered at Verdun. In any case, recent serious losses must have convinced the enemy of the impossibility of the dissolution of the Italian Army through lack of resistance. The Italian Army is preparing to face a great imminent struggle to which the enemy is bringing up enormous forces and material.

## THE BRAVE BERSAGLIERI.

London, Nov. 20.

The Daily Mail's Correspondent at Italian Headquarters telegraphing on the 18th inst. states:—

It is now ten days since the boiling of the Piave began and the army on the river has stood firm against all shocks. The mountain army in the Trentino and Feltrina quadrilateral is withstanding successive onsets. For instance, nine attacks were made in twenty-four hours against the Moltes-Sismon line, eastward of Asiago. The most desperate efforts were made by General Krobatsky's Army to break through near Quero, which is the critical hinge between the Army facing the north and the Army facing the east. Along the Piave the Italians' repulse of the river crossing, though it does not alter the course of the campaign, is most important, because it inspires the Italian Army with the breath of victory.

The whole Austrian brigade which crossed was annihilated, largely thanks to the courage of the Bersaglieri, who fought all night in extreme cold with rifles and machine guns. They received supplies of bombs at daylight, upon which the surviving Austrians surrendered.

## THE LATE GENERAL MAUDE.

## PREMIER'S TRIBUTE.

London, Nov. 19.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George, in announcing the death of General Sir Stanley Maude at Bagdad, paid a tribute to “his valuable services in Mesopotamia, where he took over the Supreme Command when we were still under the stigma of the Kut failure. He overcame all difficulties hitherto paralysing our efforts and raised the men's enthusiasm to the highest pitch. He achieved a series of victories which safeguarded our position in the East, and in securing Bagdad after capturing it he displayed qualities of resource, decision and enterprise which marked him out as a great leader of men and a commander of the first rank. The country mourns the loss of one of her most valiant sons.”

## THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

The Press Bureau announces that His Majesty the King has dispatched a message to the Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia, expressing the deepest regret at the death, under sad and tragic circumstances, of General Sir Stanley Maude, “who has rendered incalculable services to India, the Empire and to the Allies. I am confident that his memory will be an incentive to the completion of the work for which he laboured and died.”

## EAST AFRICA.

## ENEMY REARGUARDS EXPELLED FROM DEFENSIVE POSITION.

London, Nov. 19.

An East Africa official report states:—“The enemy's rearguards were expelled from defensive positions eastward and south-eastward of Chivata, and a number of Indian and African prisoners of war were released.”

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLY TO HIS CRITICS.

London, Nov. 19.

Following Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson repudiated the suggestion that there was any whitening down in the proposals to secure closer co-operation. The Agreement made at Rapallo would be adhered to as one of the most solemn undertakings entered into during the war.

Subsequently the debate lapsed. The feeling in the Lobby is unanimous that the difficulty is over.

## END OF THE DIFFICULTY.

London, Nov. 19.

Up to August 31st the Statutory Committee had spent £260,516 of public money and £22,072 from private subscriptions. An important work done by the Statutory Committee has been to link up the administration of pensions with local government, and so to check over-centralisation. Elected authorities, voluntary workers, and representatives of Labour have all been associated in the work.

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Tributes are paid to Mr. Asquith's moderation.

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## BRITISH CEMENT IN GERMAN "PILL BOXES."

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In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that, in view of the letter from a British officer in the Times, stating that he found in a “pill-box” a label showing that it had been made of British cement, the export of cement was prohibited pending enquiries.

Lord Robert Cecil pointed out that military enquiries so far had not confirmed the use of British cement in German fortifications. If there was any reasonable doubt concerning the matter, however, the export would be definitely stopped.

## GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

## TOWN OPEN TO BRITISH TRADERS.

London, Nov. 19.

The Union Castle Company has received a cable from their South African representative stating that all towns on the Central Railway in German East Africa from Dar es-Salaam to Tabora inclusive will be open to take, from January 1st, firms desirous of opening. Applications must be made to the Senior Political Officer at Dar es-Salaam, the applicants making their own arrangements for landing and shipping cargo.

## PROBLEM OF PENSIONED SOLDIERS.

London, Nov. 19.

On August 31st last the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund, set up in November, 1915, came to an end, and its functions dealing with supplementary pensions and separation allowances have been transferred to the Special Grants Committee of the Ministry of Pensions. The Prince of Wales was the first chairman.

## RELUCTANT TO TRAIN FOR CIVIL OCCUPATIONS.

London, Nov. 19.

A Blue-book has been issued covering the Statutory Committee's operations during 1916, and bringing its accounts up to August 31st last. It began operations in January, 1916, and established local committees in 302 areas. It was provided in the schemes for local committees that at least one-fifth of the members of members of committees should be representatives of labour, and that usually one-fifth of them should be women. It was soon found impracticable to appeal for voluntary contributions towards supplementary pensions, and separation allowances—which were properly looked upon as a State charge—and negotiations with the Treasury resulted in a grant by Parliament of £1,000,000 on March 31st, 1916. This grant was available for the costs of any of the Statutory Committee's functions.

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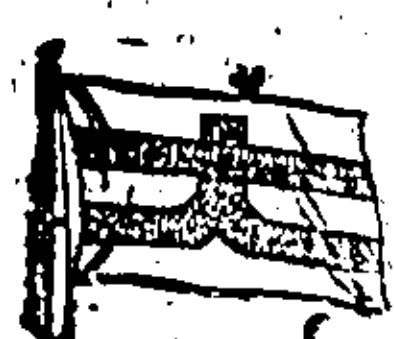
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## To-day's Advertisements

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (on account of the owners) on

**TUESDAY,**

the 27th November, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

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Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Chesterfield Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Beds and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables, &c., Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing Tables, Sundry Electro-Plated Ware, &c.

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, Blackwood Furniture, including Large & Fold Blackwood Screens with 6-Coloured Panels, Side Tables, &c. Engravings, Pictures, Tapestries and New Iron Safe, &c.

A few lots Turkish Bath Sheets, Towels, Single and Double Bed Sheets, Bed Quilts, &c.

Also Carpets, Brass Fenders, a few lots Fire Brackets, 1 Pair Old Bronze Vases inlaid with Gold and Silver, and Four PLANTOS, &c.

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**HUGHES & HUGHES,**

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Hongkong, Nov. 21, 1917. 2316

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HOUSES in Morison Terrace and Broadwood Terrace. OFFICES in York Building. HOUSES on Shamone, Canton.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**

## TO LET.

NO. 25, Des Vaux Road, Central, 1st Floor (above the Dragon Garage) suitable for Offices, &c.

**ALEX. ROSS & CO.,**

No. 4, Des Vaux Road, Central.

Hongkong, Nov. 15, 1917. 2300

## TO LEASE.

SUITABLE Firms may obtain OFFICE ROOMS in Missions Building, The Bund, Canton.

Apply to—

**JACOB SPEICHER,**

Secretary—Treasurer, Missions Building, The Bund, Canton.

Hongkong, Nov. 16, 1917. 2297

## TO LET.

A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon. Four rooms, two in Kowloon.

Apply to—

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.**

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Hongkong, August 22, 1917. 2302

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IMMEDIATE ENTRY, four very desirable SHOPS situated in Lee Home Street, opposite the Grand Hotel, recently reconstructed.

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## PRICES.

## Butcher Meat.

|                                |        |
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| Beef Sirloin, —Moi Long Pa...  | lb. 21 |
| " Prime Cut ...                | 21     |
| " Corned, —Ham Ngau Yuk...     | 20     |
| " Roast, —Shin ...             | 20     |
| " Egan, —Ngau Nam ...          | 18     |
| " Soup, —Tong Yuk ...          | 16     |
| " Steak, —Ngau Yuk Pa ...      | 20     |
| " Steak Sirloin, —Ngau Lan ... | 30     |
| " Sausages, —Ngau Cheung ...   | 26     |
| " No. 1 ...                    | 26     |

Bullock's Brains, —Ngau No per set 9

Tongue, fresh, —Ngau Li each 45

Tongue, corned, —Ham Ngau Li each 80 cents

Head, —Ngau Tau ... each 80

Heart, —Ngau Sam ... lb. 13

Ham, Salt, —Ngau Kin ... 18

Feet, —Ngau Keuk ... each 10

Kidneys, —Ngau Yiu ... 9

Tail, —Ngau Mei ... lb. 12

Liver, —Ngau Kon ... lb. 18

Tripe (addressed), —Ngau To lb. 8

Calves' Head and Feet, —Ngau Tai set \$1.00

Mutton Chop, —Young Pui Kwai lb. 23

Leg, —Young Pui ... 26

Shoulder, —Young Shan ... 24

Saddle, —Young On Yuk ... 16

Pig's Chindles, —Chu Chong ... 4

Brains, —Chu No ... per set 3

Feet, —Chu Keuk ... lb. 14

Fry, —Chu Chap ... lb. 20

Head, —Chu Tau ... lb. 18

Heart, —Chu Sam ... each 10

Kidneys, —Chu Yiu ... each 10

Liver, —Chu Koo ... lb. 30

Pork Chop, —Chu Pui Kwai ... lb. 24

Leg, —Chu Pui ... lb. 28

Loie, —Chu Hau Tun ... lb. 23

Fat or Lard, —Chu Yau ... lb. 21

Sheep's Head and Feet, —Young Tau Keuk ... set 60

Heart, —Young Sam ... each 8

Kidneys, —Young Yiu ... each 12

Liver, —Young Kon ... lb. 16

Sucking Pig, to order, —Chu Tai ... 20

Suet, Beef, —Shang Ngau Yau ... 20

Mutton, —Shang Young Yau ... 26

Veal, —Ngau Tai Yuk ... lb. 30

Sausages, —Ngau Tai Cheung No. 1 ... lb. 20

Lard, —Chu Yau ... lb. 21

## Fish.

Barbel, —Ka Yu ... lb. 24

Bream, —Pin Yu ... lb. 18

Catfish, —Chik Yu ... lb. 14

Codfish, —Man Yu ... lb. 16

Crabs, —Hoi ... lb. 18

Cuttle Fish, —Muk Yu ... lb. 16

Dab, —Sha Ming Yu ... lb. 32

Dace, —Wong Mei Lap ... lb. 10

Dog Fish, —Tik Toi ... lb. 10

Eels, Conger, —Hoi Man ... lb. 14

Flatfish, —Tian Shui Yu ... lb. 18

Yellow, —Wong Sin ... lb. 24

Frogs, —Tik Bai ... lb. 36

Garoupe, —Bhek Pan ... lb. 44

Gudgeon, —Pak Kap Yu ... lb. 44

Herring, —Toi Pak ... lb. 22

Halibut, —Cheung Kwai Kap ... lb. 22

Labrus, —Wong Fa Yu ... lb. 20

Loach, —Wu Yu ... lb. 24

Lobster, —Lung He ... lb. 22

Mackerel, —Chi Yu ... lb. 34

Monk Fish, —Mong Yu ... lb. 34

Mullet, —Tad Yu ... lb. 18

Oysters, —Shang Ho ... lb. 18

Parrot Fish, —Kai Kwai Yu ... lb. 14

Pike, —Fa Pau Fong ... lb. 18

Plaice, —Pan Yu ... lb. 16

Pomfret, Black, —Hak Chong ... lb. 22

Pomfret, White, —Pak Chong ... lb. 32

Prawn, —Ming He ... lb. 34

Ray, —Pai Pa Sha ... lb. 10

Rock Fish, —Shek Kiu Keng ... lb. 15

Seahorse, —Man Yu ... lb. 14

Shark, —Sha Yu ... lb. 8

Shrimp, —Po Yu ... lb. 8

Shrimp, —Ha ... lb. 25

Snapper, —Lap Yu ... lb. 25

Sole, —Tat Sha Yu ... lb. 28

Tench, —Wai Yu ... lb. 18

Turbot, —Tao Hui Yu ... lb. 15

Turtle, small, fresh water, —Kook Yu ... lb. 80

## Poultry.

Chicken, —Kui Tai ... lb. 30

Capon, Small, —Shi Kai ... lb. 30

Capon, Large, —Shi Kai ... lb. 36

Duck, —Ap ... lb. 24

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## Pigeons, Canton, —Pak Kap ... each 30

Hoihow, —Hoi Han Pak Kap ... each 24

Turkeys, Cook, —Fo Kai Kung lb. 30

Turkeys, Hen, —Fo Kai Na ... lb. 30

Snipe, —Sha Tau ... each 22

Phasian, —Shan Kai ... lb. 30

Quail, —On Chuan ... lb. 30

Partridges, —Che Ku ... lb. 30

## FRUITS.

Almonds, —Hang Yan ... lb. 35

Apples, (California), —Kam Shan ... lb. 18

Bananas, (bride's), —Macao, —San ... lb. 5

Carambola, —Young To ... lb. 11

Cocanuts, —Yi Tao ... each 10

Lemons, China, —Ling Man ... lb. 8

Lemons, America, —Shan Shan ... lb. 7

Lichees, Dried, (small stone), —Lai Chi Koon lb. 28

Oranges, (Canton), (Sweet), —Shan-sheng Tim Chang ... lb. 10

Oranges, (Canton), (Sour), —Shan-sheng Tim Chang ... lb. 10

Pears, (Canton), (Cooking), —Sha Li ... lb. 10

Peanuts, —Fa Shang ... lb. 10

Periwinkles, Large, —Hung Tse ... lb. 12

Plum, —Tat Chiu ... lb. 28

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